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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the nonprovisional patent application

For (Title): IMAGE STORAGEBy (Inventors): Akira OHMURA, Tetsushi NOMOTO, Yukinobu ISHINO and Masahide TANAKA

- ☒ Formal drawings (Figs. 1-51B; 51 sheets) are attached.  
☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is filed herewith.  
☒ An assignment of the invention to NIKON CORPORATION and NIKON TECHNOLOGIES INC. is filed herewith.  
☒ An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith.  
☐ A statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 and 1.27 is filed herewith.  
☐ A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith.  
☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence --This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_,--  
☒ Priority of foreign application(s) No. 11-149972 filed May 28, 1999 in Japan filed 11-163988 filed June 10, 1999 in Japan, 11-163989 filed June 10, 1999 in Japan, 11-163990 filed June 10, 1999 in Japan, are claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).  
☒ A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application(s) is filed herewith.  
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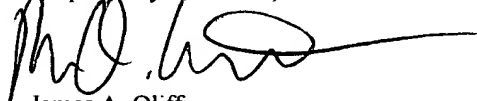
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☐ This application is entitled to small entity status. DO NOT charge large entity fees to our Deposit Account.

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